Lease Land Facts and Figures

*Lease Land Economics in 2003(\$)

Gross Revenues = 1.33m Net Revenues = 700k

Payment In-lieu of Taxes to Klamath, Siskiyou, Modoc Counties (per Kuchel Act) = 167k

Payment to Tulelake Irrigation District (per Kuchel Act) = 70k

*Lease Land Acreage (2003)

Total w/in Tule Lake NWR: 16,300 ac

Total w/in Lower Klamath NWR-Area K: 5,500 ac

Total Lease Acreage: 21,500 ac

*Lease Land Crops/Acreage (2003)

Grain/13,500 Potato/2000 Onion/400 Horseradish/30 Alfalfa/2500 Grass Hay/2000 Fallowed/1070

*% of Total Leased Ground

Row Crop = 11%

Max. Row Crop = 25% by Kuchel Act Organic Crops = 3040 acres or 14%

Note: Lease Land farming only occurs on the Tule Lake and Lower Klamath NWR's, per the Kuchel Act. In addition, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Klamath Basin Refuges, permits the following commercial activities for the direct benefit of wildlife:

Sharecrop farming (annually):

Tule Lake NWR Lower Klamath NWR

Livestock Grazing (annually):

Lower Klamath NWR Clear Lake NWR Klamath Marsh NWR

Hunting Guides (annually):

Tule Lake NWR Lower Klamath NWR

Logging (as needed):

Bear Valley NWR Klamath Marsh NWR

Pesticide Use

Regulated by Department of Interior staff. Pesticides are only allowed as a last resort under the existing IPM Plan. Product use is only approved after conducting stringent risk assessments by a federal team consisting of a: biologist, contaminants specialist, toxicologist, integrated pest management specialist, and natural resource specialist.

^{*} figures are approximate.